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Titles of papers offered by members of the society, with estimated length of delivery and statement of lantern or chart requirements, must be in the hands of the secretary by December 1. It is desired that papers be short and it should be remembered that the interests of the Naturalists are primarily in problems of organic evolution. The papers on the program will in general be arranged in order of the receipt of title except that papers on similar subjects may be grouped.

Attention is called to the change in the constitution by which a nomination for membership must now remain in the hands of the executive committee for at least one year before action can be taken upon it. Therefore, nominations to receive attention in 1920 must reach the secretary by December 31, 1919. Blank forms for nomination may be obtained from the secretary, Bradley M. Davis, Botanical Laboratory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

#### AWARD OF THE WILLARD GIBBS MEDAL

THE Willard Gibbs gold medal was presented on September 26 to Professor William A. Noyes, director of the department of chemistry at the University of Illinois, for special work in chemistry for the government performed during the war.

The presentation was made following a reception and dinner to Professor Noyes by more than four hundred of the country's leading chemists and educators, who were in attendance at the Fifth National Exposition of Chemical Industries, held at the Coliseum, Chicago. The presentation speech was made by Dr. William H. Nichols, of New York, president of the American Chemical Society, following a brief history of the achievements of Dr. Noyes by L. V. Redman, of Chicago.

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago; Dr. W. E. Stone, president of Purdue University; Dr. Ira Remsen, past president of Johns Hopkins University; Dr. David Kinley, acting president of the University of Illinois, and Harry H. Merrick, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, gave short addresses, pointing out

the prominence which American science has attained in the chemical work, and of the successful efforts now under way to apply the thousands of war secrets to commercial uses.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. W. A. HERDMAN, professor of zoology in the University of Liverpool, who has been general secretary of the British Association for the Advancement of Science since 1903, has been elected president of the association.

THE Triennial Council of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa elected at the recent meeting at Harvard University as the new president of the United Chapters for the term, 1919-22, President E. A. Birge, of the University of Wisconsin. He succeeds Professor E. A. Grosvenor, of Amherst College.

DR. HUGH CABOT, professor in the Harvard Medical School and chief surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital, has been appointed chief surgeon of the University of Michigan. He expects to take up his new work about January 1.

DR. ISADORE DYER has been appointed a colonel in the Medical Section, Officers' Reserve Corps. Dr. Dyer was made a member of the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association at the meeting of that organization held in Atlantic City in June.

DR. C. LEO MEES resigned as president of Rose Polytechnic Institute on September 1, and retires on a pension under the Carnegie Foundation, at the age of sixty-six, his retirement being due chiefly to impaired health. President Mees has been a teacher for forty-four years, thirty-two of which have been spent at Rose. For seven years he served as professor of physics, and for twenty-five years as president. He has been appointed president emeritus by the board of managers.

DR. F. C. BROWN has resigned his position as associate professor of physics, University of Iowa, and accepted a position as technical assistant to the director of the Bureau of Standards. He has, during the war, been doing scientific work in connection with aircraft